

REMARKS

Claims 14-21 have been canceled, and a reference to the parent application has been added.

Claims 22-27 have been added. Claim 22 recites that the doped glass film has a Si:M ratio of greater than 4:1. Support for this limitation is found in the specification as filed at paragraph 25. Claim 23 recites that the doped glass film has a Si:M ratio of less than 4:1. Support for this limitation is found in the specification at paragraph 26. Claim 24 recites that j is 1, 2 or 3. Support for this limitation is found in the specification at paragraph 26. Claim 25 recites that j is 4. Support for this limitation is found in the specification at paragraph 24.

Claims 26 and 27 respectively recite methods for making planar waveguides and optical fibers. Support for these claims is found in the specification at paragraph 29.

Applicant submits that 19 total claims, with three independent, are being submitted in this divisional application. As such, Applicant believes that no claim fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(c) are necessary. If such fees are necessary, please charge them to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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